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SUBJECT: CHENG HENG FAMILY

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1. A VOLAG FYI LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE
END FYI HAS ARRANGED TO RESETTLE CHENG HENG AND FAMILY FROM
FRANCE TO SUBURB OF MILWAUKEE. FAMILY WILL BE HOUSED UPON
ARRIVAL WITH INITIAL SUPPLY OF FOOD. ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS
WILL BE HELPED WITHIN FEW DAYS TO FIND BEST JOBS AVAILABLE
IN ORDER TO BEGIN SUPPORTING THEMSELVES. ATTEMPTS WILL BE
MADE TO HELP SURGEON SON-IN-LAW BEGIN WORKING IN MEDICAL
FIELD. VOLAG WILL CONTINUE FOLLOW UP TO HELP FAMILY ADJUST
TO LIFE IN US.

2. ONCE FAMILY BECOMES SELF-SUPPORTING, OF COURSE, IT OR
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL BE FREE MOVE ANYWHERE THEY WISH IN
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US.

3. VOLAG STATES THAT BEFORE IT WILLING TO HELP CHENG HENG RESETTLE, IT WILL NEED HIS AGREEMENT TO RESETTLEMENT ALONG LINES MENTIONED ABOVE, INCLUDING WILLINGNESS OF FAMILY MEMBERS TO WORK. IF NECESSARY, VOLAG WILLING SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH HIM AND FAMILY TO MAKE

CERTAIN THAT BOTH SIDES UNDERSTAND COMMITMENTS EACH IS MAKING. AFTER DISCUSSING THIS WITH CHENG HENG, INFORM DEPARTMENT SOONEST WHETHER VOLAG REP SHOULD GO TO PARIS TO FOLLOW UP.

4. CHENG HENG FAMILY SHOULD NOT BE MOVED TO US UNTIL IT AGREES TO RESETTLEMENT PLANS ABOVE, AND WE INFORM YOU THAT VOLAG HAS COMPLETED PREPARATIONS RECEIVE FAMILY.

5. UNDERSTAND THAT CHENG HENG WISHES FIRST TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO SEE SON-IN-LAW AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER RESETTLE IN SOUTH. VOLAG, HOWEVER, POINTS OUT THAT STANDARD PRACTICE, WHICH HAS WORKED BEST IN PAST, IS TO MOVE REFUGEES DIRECTLY FROM OVERSEAS TO RESETTLEMENT SITE IN US. IN CHENG HENG'S CASE, IT HAS ARRANGED FOR BEST POSSIBLE RECEPTION IN MILWAUKEE. FYI. SON-IN-LAW, CHIN SARIEM, GKR COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON, HAS TOLD US HE NOT WILLING TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO SUPPORT FAMILY FROM FRANCE, PREFERS LIVE APART FROM THEM AND IS ALREADY LOOKING FOR WORK FOR HIMSELF ELSEWHERE. END FYI.

6. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO CHENG HENG THAT DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO REFUGEES SOLELY THROUGH VOLAGS AND THAT THERE ARE NO SEPARATE PROVISIONS FOR DIRECT USG SUPPORT, OTHER THAN WHAT WE HAVE PROVIDED TEMPORARILY DURING HIS STAY IN FRANCE. HE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE HIM TO US AS SOON AS HE ACCEPTS VOLAG OFFER. HE ALSO SHOULD BE TOLD DIPLOMATICALLY THAT WE NEED HIS DECISION SOONEST BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING HIM IN FRANCE INDEFINITELY. HE SHOULD BE ASSURED THAT THIS VOLAG OFFER IS A VERY FAVORABLE ONE, AND IN FACT THE MOST FAVORABLE WE HAVE FOUND.

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7. FINALLY, HENG SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT VOLAG IS NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE AN INITIAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON.

8. RE CLASSIFICATION OF MESSAGES, WE WILL HENCEFORTH USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

9. RE DOCUMENTATION, EMBASSY SHOULD ISSUE PAROLE LETTER

ON EMBASSY LETTERHEAD ADDRESSED TO AIRLINE AND READING
AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES AUTHORIZA-
TION TO TRANSPORT THE BELOW NAMED PERSONS TO THE UNITED
STATES. THESE PERSONS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE UNITED
STATES BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
UNDER SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE LAW. THIS ACTION IS
AUTHORIZED IN STATE DEPARTMENT CABLE (NUMBER) OF (DATE).

END QUOTE. THIS AUTHORIZATION WILL BE SENT AFTER CHENG
HENG AND VOLAG REACH AGREEMENT. INDIVIDUALS PAROLED
SHOULD CARRY WITH THEM A SEALED ENVELOPE FOR PRESENTA-
TION AT PORT OF ENTRY. ENVELOPE SHOULD CONTAIN COPY OF
PAROLE LETTER; COPY OF CABLE AUTHORIZING PAROLE; AND
VISA MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. ITINERARY OF GROUP SHOULD
BE CABLED IN ADVANCE FOR THE ATTENTION OF VO AND THE INS
PORT OF ENTRY. KISSINGER

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